[Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

Mr. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): In view of the fact that the resolution is not likely to be discussed, will the Chief Secretary be pleased to state the grounds for the present attitude of the Government in this matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether the resolution will not come up for discussion today.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Supposing it is not discussed, shall I expect an answer at the end of the session?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that just now.

PRESIDENT: We do not answer questions except during the first hour.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): For the information of Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai, who wanted a precedent from elsewhere, I will read this from May's *Parliamentary Practice*:—

"Nor may the question refer to debates, or answers to questions in the current session. Discussion in anticipation upon an order of the day or other matter by means of a question is not permitted."

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from Mr. Subba Aiyar whether the whole procedure that obtains in the House of Commons in England—I mean the Parliamentary procedure—would be applicable here?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): In matters not provided for in the rules, it may be applied.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it a question of "*may*" or "*shall.*"

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is a matter entirely left to the President to regulate. I only say that the matter is not without precedent, and as Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai asked me to quote a precedent, I quoted it.

PRESIDENT: Rules cannot cover all conceivable situations. We have to be guided by the practice obtaining elsewhere also.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The statement of a fact regarding an action taken by the Government does not amount to discussion. It is only stated in Mr. Subba Aiyar's quotation that no discussion would be permitted. The member asks only for a statement from the Government.

PRESIDENT: In this particular case the matter is covered by a resolution which is to be discussed.

Staff Selection Board.

377. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will appoint a board of

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selection for the public service and invest them with the power of examining the periodical returns of appointments sent by heads of departments?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of recruitment to the public service is engaging the attention of Government.

B. A., L. T's and M. A., L. T's in English High Schools.

378. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of M. A., L. T.'s and B. A., L. T.'S who are (i) Headmasters of English High Schools, and (ii) First Grade teachers, and to state what their percentages are under each head?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to pages 105 to 113 of the Travancore *Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Kumbham, 1099. The percentages may be worked out by the member himself by a reference to these pages.

Appointment of Assistant Examiners.

379. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to mention what principles are followed in the Education Department in the matter of appointment of Assistant Examiners in the several subjects for the E. S. L. C. and the V. S. L. Examinations?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that most of the Assistant Examiners are teachers who reside in Trivandrum?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to see that certain definite rules are laid down in the appointment of Assistant Examiners so that all the teachers may be equally benefited?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 276 (*a*).

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Certain Public Works in the Tovala Taluk.

380. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the estimates for opening a branch road from the Tovala road near Tazhakkudi to the Aramboly road and for putting up a foot-bridge near Auvayarammancoil over the Tovala channel?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend finishing the work at least next year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The estimate for the road has been received by the Chief Engineer and is under scrutiny in his office. The estimate for the foot-bridge is pending with the Executive Engineer.

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